



Amazing Animals Fact sheets

Lemurs



Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur

Black-and-white Ruffed Lemurs are found only on the island of Madagascar. Their long and luxuriant black and white fur makes them easy to recognise. They get their name from the beautiful white ruff of fur that highlights their gorgeous face.

Habitat

These cheeky primates inhabit the primary and secondary rainforests on the eastern side of Madagascar.

Diet

They are highly frugivorous which means the main part of their diet consists of fruit, however they also eat leaves, flowers and are great pollinators of a species of tree called the Traveller's Palm.

Australia Zoo Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur profiles

Gwen

Gwen is a black and white ruffed lemur who was born in 1999, and she arrived at Australia Zoo in May 2011. Since then she has rapidly won the hearts of everyone who works with her. She has a delightful personality and she laps up all the attention we can give her.

We spend as much time with Gwen as we can spare and this includes brushing her beautifully soft and thick black and white coat. She has also recently started some basic training which she seems to be enjoying. Gwen is quite a confident girl and is always interested in what's going on around her enclosure and in meeting anyone new who comes to visit her.

Her favourite food by far is banana, but she also enjoys fig and grapes. She is very good at eating her vegetables but prefers them cooked rather than raw.

The biggest challenge for us when working with Gwen is trying to tear ourselves away from giving her pats to actually do some "proper work"!

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